

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3130
OFFERED BY MR. BACA

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12. MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS UNDER-**
2 **GRADUATE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) The Director shall establish a program to
5 award grants to Hispanic-Serving Institutions, His-
6 torically Black Colleges and Universities, Alaska Na-
7 tive-Serving Institutions, Native Hawaiian-Serving
8 Institutions, and tribally controlled colleges and uni-
9 versities to enhance the quality of undergraduate
10 science, mathematics, and engineering education at
11 such institutions and to increase the retention and
12 graduation rates of students pursuing baccalaureate
13 degrees in science, mathematics, or engineering.

14 (2) Grants shall be awarded under this section
15 on a merit-reviewed, competitive basis.

16 (b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—Grants awarded under
17 this section shall support—

18 (1) activities to improve courses and curriculum
19 in science, mathematics, or engineering disciplines;

20 (2) faculty development, including support
21 for—



1 (A) sabbaticals and exchange programs to
2 improve the faculty's research competency and
3 knowledge of technological advances;

4 (B) professional development workshops on
5 innovative teaching practices and assessment;

6 (C) visiting faculty, including researchers
7 from industry; and

8 (D) faculty reassigned time or release time
9 to mentor students or to participate in cur-
10 riculum reform and academic enhancement ac-
11 tivities;

12 (3) stipends for undergraduate students partici-
13 pating in research activities in science, mathematics,
14 or engineering disciplines oncampus or offcampus at
15 industrial, governmental, or academic research lab-
16 oratories; and

17 (4) other activities that are consistent with sub-
18 section (a)(1), as determined by the Director.

19 (c) APPLICATION.—An institution seeking funding
20 under this section shall submit an application to the Direc-
21 tor at such time, in such manner, and containing such
22 information as the Director may require.

